

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

The Official Action indicates that Claims 1-8 and 15 are allowed, and that Claims 11-14 and 16 are rejected. By this Amendment, rejected Claims 11-14 and 16 are canceled without prejudice. It is thus respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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